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## VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUIRED and FEDERAL EXPRESS

Renee Salzmann
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

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Re: MUR 5388 (James W. Treffinger; Jim Treffinger For Senate, Inc.; Robert A. Mathers, As Treasurer).

Dear Ms. Salzmann:

As-we discussed several days ago, this firm represents Messrs. Treffinger and Mathers in the above referenced matter.

we also respectfully request an extension of time to supply the factual and legal materials relevant to the Commission's consideration of the matter described in your letter of July 8, 2004. 11 C.F.R. § 111.6(a). Indeed, it may take some time to do so because, as you may know, many if not all of the relevant documents remain in the possession of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New-Jersey, which investigated and prosecuted Mr. T. ffinger. Thus, we require access to those records in order to make a full and fair presentation to the Commission regarding this matter, including arguments as to-why the Commission should take no action. And third, we absolutely insist that this matter remain confidential. 11 C.F.R. § 111.21(a). Thus, in answer to your letter, we do not, in any way, consent to the disclosure of this matter to any member of the public.

Einally, I have enclosed copies of the designation of counsel forms. Please note that Lawrence S. Lustberg, Esq., of this firm should be listed as your primary contact on this matter. His number is 973-596-4731. I am, of course, always available to assist you.

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Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. We look forward to working toward a just and amicable resolution. If you have any questions, please contact me at the number above.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Baldassare

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cc: Lawrence S. Lustberg, Esq.

Robert A. Mathers
James W. Treffinger